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In re Application of:

Katsuya Kikuri

Serial No. 10/626,324

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For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD WITH
ELECTROSTATIC DAMAGE PROTECTION
AND MAGNETIC RECORDING AND
PLAYBACK APPARATUS

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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on July 23, 2003, but has not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

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